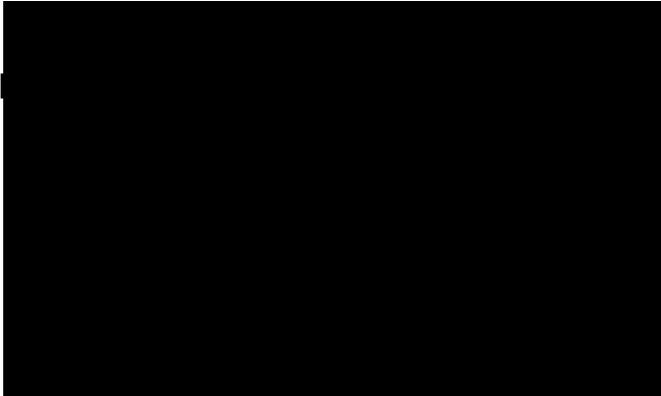


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Former C.I.A. Agent Sues
Over Removal of a Letter

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—Hans V. Tofte, a Central Intelligence Agency agent whose contract was terminated recently, filed a damage suit Wednesday in Federal Court against the agency's director, Richard Helms, and three other persons.

Mr. Tofte is asking \$25,000, the value he claims on a letter he says was removed from his home by the agency.

The suit does not describe the contents of the letter but Mr. Tofte's attorney, Byron N. Scott, said it was written by Mr. Helms in the mid-1950s and that it asked Mr. Tofte to remain in the C.I.A. for life. The C.I.A. says "no such letter ever existed."

The suit contends that the three other defendants, Kenneth R. Slocum, an agency employee, Mr. Slocum's wife, Judy, and Charles D. Speake, a C.I.A. security officer, entered Mr. Tofte's home unlawfully on July 24. By C.I.A. count, about 1,000 documents were removed at that time from the former Tofte home in Washington's Georgetown district.